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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally presented in the subject application. No claims have herein been added or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-20 remain in this case.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the sole ground of rejection.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as allegedly unpatentable over claims 2-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,805,076 (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/214,434) in view of Hernandez (U.S. Patent No. 4,071,921).

In response, Applicants have filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over the cited U.S. Patent No. 6,805,076, which is commonly owned by the assignee of the present application. Therefore, Applicants submit that the rejection is overcome.

No other rejections were present in the Office Action. In light of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith, Applicants submit the present application is in condition for allowance.

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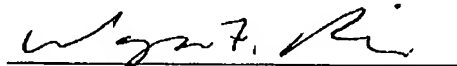
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CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, Applicants maintain that the claims of the subject application define patentable subject matter and earnestly requests allowance of claims 1-20.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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